

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	06/04/14
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	06/17/14
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	All SD
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Mental Health
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Authorization for the Department of Mental Health to sign and execute Memoranda of Understanding with Health Net Community Solutions, Inc. and L.A. Care Health Plan for coordination of expanded Medi-Cal mental health services.
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Managed Care Division
<b>DEADLINES</b>	MOUs to be signed and executed by June 30, 2014.
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	NA
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Board approval of the recommended actions will allow DMH and the Health Plans to meet CDHCS requirements to amend or replace the existing MOUs for coordination of Medi-Cal mental health services. The new requirements are for the Health Plans to provide mental health benefits covered in the State plan to Medi-Cal beneficiaries excluding those specialty mental health services that are provided by DMH as the Local Mental Health Plan (MHP). These requirements are in addition to existing MOU requirements for specialty mental health services provided by mental health plans as outlined in the State regulations.
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</b>  (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	On January 1, 2014, an array of mental health benefits were made available through the Health Plans for Medi-Cal beneficiaries, with mild to moderate impairment of mental, emotional, or behavioral functioning resulting from a diagnosed mental health condition. This expansion of benefits requires close coordination of care by DMH and the Health Plans between specialty and non-specialty mental health systems of care in Los Angeles County for shared beneficiaries. This requires DMH and the Health Plans to coordinate integrated services and to ensure that beneficiaries have access to services and treatment.
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